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Jim Kelley to Welcome MAAGCS Members and Guests to Newark Country Club

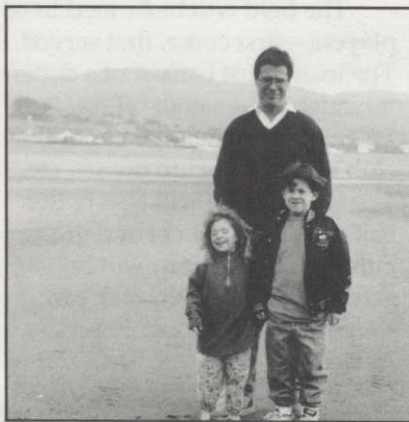
Luncheon Meeting and Member/Club Official Tourney Scheduled

Jim Kelley will host the first Superintendent-Greens Chairman tournament at Newark (De.) CC on September 14. The meeting will be a lunch at 11:00.

Newark is a private club with 600 members. Founded in 1921, the original nine holes were designed by Wilfred Reid; the additional nine, constructed in 1958, were designed by Russell Roberts. It is now the home of the University of Delaware's Fighting Blue Hens golf team.

This par 71 course measures 6,025 from the white and 6,289 from the blue markers. "It features gently rolling terrain and some of the smallest greens you will find anywhere," says Jim. The bent/poa greens are cut at 11/64" five or six times a week and receive 4 lbs. N, 2 lbs. P, and 8 lbs. K yearly. The tees—bent/rye/poa—are cut at 11/16" three times a week and receive 3 lbs. N, 2 lbs. P and 6 lbs. K. Fairways—ryegrass and some bentgrass—are cut at 11/16" three times a week and receive 2 lbs. N, 2 lbs. P and 4 lbs. K. The fairways are on a Prograss and TGR program; the greens are also being treated with TGR but at much lighter rates.

Recently completed projects at NCC include dredging and reconstruction of four ponds on the course, excavation of the par-three 17th hole, two new blue tees



on numbers four and six, and a ladies tee on number eight. Several drainage projects, bunker reconstructions and greens enlargement projects have also been completed. "This fall we plan to construct one more new pond on the 10th hole to help with drainage problems, begin a cart path installation project, and move number one and ten tees to allow for a parking lot addition. We also plan to construct some mounds with any leftover dirt," adds Jim.

In March 1990 Jim came to Newark from Green Hill Yacht & CC in Salisbury, Md., where he'd been superintendent. He had been assistant superintendent there until the retirement of Lou White in 1985. Jim's previous golf course experience was under Ken Ingram and George Thompson at Columbia CC. "This was where I worked during my college education at the U of M's IAA under Dr. Mathias. Before that I worked for Ron Hall at Maryland GCC in Bel Air, Md. Says Jim, "I guess Ron got me started in this business and

I feel deeply indebted to Mr. Hall, George Thompson, Ken Ingram and Lou White for the influence they had on me."

Jim and Marcia have two children, Nick, eight and Laura, four. He keeps busy with a multitude of hobbies that include canoeing, birdwatching, playing musical instruments and soccer in winter and spring. In addition, he coaches soccer for kids. He *claims* he plays golf poorly, but on his own course, with those tiny greens, look out!

Lunch and Golf: Lunch will start at 11:00; \$10 for those not playing golf; \$30 will cover lunch, tournament, and cart for those playing golf. Golf is a shotgun start at 1:30. You *must* call the pro shop with names and handicaps of players: 302-368-7008. Field is limited to 68 players. You *must also* call the MAAGCS number for lunch reservations: 301-490-6202 by Friday September 10.

Directions: *From D.C. or Baltimore:* Travel time: approx. 1 hour from Camden Yards. Take I-95N to exit 100, 272N. Go 5 miles to red light; turn right on 273; go 11 miles to Delaware border. Course is on left about 1 mile inside the De. line. *From the shore:* Travel time: approx. 1 hour from Dover. Take Rte. 13N or 301N to 896N. Follow 896 into Newark. Road will come to a T where you must turn left. Go one block; this road splits three ways, take the middle road which is 273 west. Go 1/2 mile, golf course is on the right.